



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE ON SIXTH AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DRIVEWAY

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee received a request from the Belmont Police Department to restrict parking on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police Department driveway to improve sight distance.

It is recommended City Council adopt a resolution prohibiting parking on Sixth Avenue at the north side of the Police Department driveway.

Background

On November 17th, 2005 the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a request from the Belmont Police Department to restrict parking on the north side of the Police Department driveway on Sixth Avenue. This driveway was originally used by the general public but after completion of the City Hall renovation it was dedicated for use by the Police Department. There is currently a 5-foot no parking zone on Sixth Avenue by the north side of the driveway, but it does not provide adequate sight distance required to safely merge into the lane of traffic. There is a no parking zone on Sixth Avenue at the south side of the Police Department driveway near the fire hydrant.

Discussion

The PTSC discussed the request with the Police Department. Several issues were brought up – the sight distance problem, response time and City’s liability. When the vehicles are parked on Sixth Avenue to the left (north) side of the driveway, the Police Officers are unable to see the southbound traffic. They are forced to pull out into traffic and block the southbound lane of traffic, which creates a potential for collision. This also reduces response time and possesses a liability issue for the City.

Based on the input from the Police Department, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to establish a “No Parking” zone on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police driveway.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2006 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing notices to the properties within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a “No Parking” zone on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police driveway.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Aerial of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE ON SIXTH AVENUE ADJACENT TO
THE NORTH SIDE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DRIVEWAY**

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) has received a request from the Belmont Police Department to restrict parking on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police Department driveway to improve sight distance; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed the request, performed a field investigation and discussed the issue with the Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, parking on the north side of the driveway creates a sight distance problem, blocks southbound traffic when exiting the City Hall parking lot and creates a potential liability for the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee recommends approving the establishment of a “No Parking” zone on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police driveway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment of a “No Parking” zone on Sixth Avenue adjacent to the north side of the Police driveway.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 10, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont



SIXTH AVENUE

PROPOSED NO
PARKING ZONE
(25' LONG)

POLICE
ENTRANCE/EXIT
DRIVEWAY

CITY HALL

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED NO PARKING ZONE

1" = 20'



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